CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (currently amended) A Karaoke system comprising:

a video image capturing device for capturing a video image of a Karaoke performer;

a Karaoke medium player for retrieving audio signals and an indicia image of a song from a Karaoke medium, said indicia image comprising images of words of the song embedded in a background image;

means for vertically downscaling the indicia image, and repositioning the vertically downscaled indicia image and removing a portion of the background image from the indicia image to form a modified indicia image;

means for compositing the modified indicia image with the image of the Karaoke performer to provide an output video image for display on a video display.

3. (previously amended) A Karaoke system as in claim 1, wherein the means for compositing overlays the modified indicia image on the image of the Karaoke performer.

4. (previously amended) A Karaoke system as in claim 1, wherein the means for downscaling removes the background image in the indicia image completely.

5. (original) A Karaoke system as in claim 1, wherein the means for downscaling and the means for compositing are implemented in a stand-alone device separate from the Karaoke medium player.

6. (original) A Karaoke system as in claim 1, wherein the means for downscaling and means for compositing are implemented as components of the Karaoke medium player.

7. (original) A Karaoke system as in claim 6, wherein the Karaoke medium player is a compact-disk-plus-graphics (CD+G) player.

8. (original) A Karaoke system as in claim 1, wherein the means for downscaling vertically downscales the indicia image by selectively dropping lines of the indicia image.

9. (currently amended) A Karaoke video image processing device comprising:

a first video input for receiving from a Karaoke medium player an indicia image associated with a song being played back, the indicia image comprising images of words of the song embedded in a background image;

a second video input for receiving a second video image from a second external video source;

an electronic circuit having components to vertically downscale the indicia image, and reposition the vertically downscaled indicia image and removing a portion of the background image from the indicia image to provide a modified indicia image and to composite the modified indicia image with the second video image to form an output video image for display on a video display.

10. (previously amended) A Karaoke video image processing device as in claim 9, wherein the electronic circuit overlays the modified indicia image on the second video image to form the output video image.

11. (previously amended) A Karaoke video image processing device as in claim 10, wherein the electronic circuit removes the background image in indicia image completely.

12. (currently amended) A Karaoke medium player comprising:

a reader for retrieving data from a Karaoke medium, the data comprising audio data and an indicia image comprising images of words of a song embedded in a background image;

an external video input for receiving an external video image;

a video processing circuit having components for vertically downscaling the indicia image, and repositioning the vertically downscaled indicia image and removing a portion of the background image in the indicia image to form a modified indicia image, and combining the modified indicia image with the external video image to form an output video image for display on a video display;

an audio processor for processing the audio data to provide an output audio signal; and

an audio output for outputting the output audio signal.

13. (previously amended) A Karaoke medium player as in claim 12, wherein the video processing circuit removes the background image of the indicia image completely.

14. (original) A Karaoke medium player as in claim 12, wherein the Karaoke medium is a compact-disk-plus-graphics (CD+G) disk.

15. (previously amended) A Karaoke medium player as in claim 14, wherein the video processing circuit includes a CD+G decoder for compositing the modified indicia image with the external video image.

16. (original) A Karaoke medium player as in claim 12, wherein the video processing circuit includes a subcode processor for receiving a stream of subcode data retrieved from the Karaoke medium representing the indicia image and modifying the subcode data to effect the downscaling and repositioning.

17. (original) A Karaoke medium player as in claim 16, wherein the Karaoke medium is a compact-disk-plus-graphics (CD+G) disk and the video processing circuit further includes a CD+G decoder, and wherein the subcode processor sends the modified subcode data to a microprocessor interface of the CD+G decoder.

18. (currently amended) A method of generating video images for Karaoke applications, comprising the steps of:

capturing a video image of a Karaoke performer;